The Cleveland Museum of Art

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CMA TRUSTEES APPOINT KATE M. SELLERS ACTING DIRECTOR

(Cleveland, OH) Michael J. Horvitz, President of the Cleveland Museum of Art announced today the appointment of Kate M. Sellers as the museum's Acting Director, effective immediately. The appointment comes as a result of the unexpected death of Robert P. Bergman who had been director of the museum since 1993. As the museum's Deputy Director since 1997, Ms. Sellers has had full responsibility for the museum in the Director's absence.

Mr. Horvitz said: "The executive committee of the Board of Trustees has unanimously and enthusiastically appointed Kate Sellers as Acting Director while we search for Bob's permanent replacement. Kate has served with distinction as Deputy Director since March, 1997 and as Director of Development and External Affairs since January, 1995. Bob had full confidence in her considerable talents and relied on her as his able second-in-command both internally and externally. The committee felt that no one is better suited to carry on Bob's vision at this difficult time."

Ms. Sellers has had previous experience as Acting Director during two one-year stints, both at the Walters Art Gallery in Baltimore where she was the Director of Development and Communications from 1987-94. She first served as Acting Director in 1989-90 when Bob Bergman, then Director at the Walters, took a sabbatical in Rome, and again in 1993-94 during that museum's search for Bob's replacement after he assumed the directorship in Cleveland. As the Walters's Acting Director, she directed all aspects of museum operations including initial stages of a major building renovation.

As the Director of Development and External Affairs for the Cleveland Museum of Art, Ms. Sellers played an integral role in the development of the museum's strategic plan, the Convening the Community outreach program, and many other initiatives.

Ms. Sellers is a Baltimore native. She holds an MA in the History of Art from the University of Maryland and an MA in Administrative Science from John Hopkins University. She is a resident of Cleveland Heights.

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